Statement -II

The details of projects in the State of Orissa

Sl. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length	Total Project Cost (in Rs. Crore)	Likely date of completion
On Golden Quadrilateral					
1	Laxmannath-Balasore	60	53.41	272	December 2005
2	Bridges Section Kharagpur-Balasore	60	0.00	80	December 2005
3	Balasore-Bhadrak	5	62.64	227.25	December 2005
4	Bhadrak-Chandikhole	5	75.50	305.3	March 2005
5	Bridges section Balasore-Chandikhole	5	11.59	155	December 2005
6	Chandikhole-Jagatpur	5	27.80	103.35	Completed in January 2003
7	Jagatpur-Bhubaneswar	5	28.00	275.13	Completed in December 2000
8	Bhubaneswar-Khurda	5	26.30	140.85	December 2005
9	Khurda-Sunakhala	5	52.06	189.68	December 2005
10	Sunakhala-Ganjam	5	55.71	225	June 2006
11	Ganjam-Icchapuram	5	50.80	256.55	December 2006
On Port Connectivity					
12	Paradip port connectivity	5A	77.00	428	February 2007

Attitude of NHAI towards NGOs

1571. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NHAI gives more respect and consideration to contractors doing business with it than the public spirited citizens;

(b) whether it is a fact that NHAI does not heed requests for rectifications and changes from NGOs and noted people working in the field of road safety;

(c) whether it is a fact that high officials refuse to visit sites of accidents;

(d) whether the NHAI would chage its attitude and become more accessible; and

(e) the steps proposed by NHAI to invite opinion on road safety matters and heed them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) NHAI is always accessible.

(e) Safety on roads is one of the most important aspects of National Highways Development Project and is kept in consideration in the preparation of projects and their implementation. Expression of Interest has been called from NGOs and consultants to participate in the proposed road safety and public education programme.

Expenses incurred for inaugural functions

1572. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high expenses are incurred for petty inaugural of various NHAI functions etc;

(b) what step would be taken to reduce ceremonies and functions by NHAI to conserve money;

(c) whether any steps have already been taken by NHAI in the last three months; and

(d) If so, the details of such steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. NHAI incurs reasonable expenses for holding inaugural and other such functions in a befitting manner.